

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 1-7 and 9-24 are pending in the application. Claims 8 and 25 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 6 and 10 have been amended into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter previously recited in claim 8. Claim 24 has been allowed in the last office action. Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

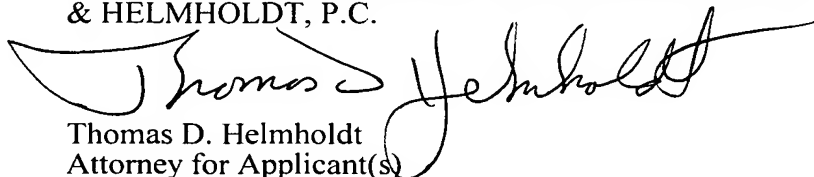
In the office action dated October 6, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claims 6, and 8-20 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 6 and 10 have been rewritten into independent form, and claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations previously recited in claim 8. Claim 9 has been amended to depend directly from amended claim 1. It is submitted that this amendment places all claims in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

It is submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Consideration of the application as amended is requested. It is submitted that this Amendment places the application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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